



51ST ANNUAL MEETING

January 28 - 30, 2004, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA

Announcement

You and your associates are invited to attend the 51st Annual WSA Conference to be held at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California, January 28 - 30, 2004. A copy of the invited speakers list and registration forms are included with this announcement. Online registration forms and further updates will be available on the internet at <http://pearl1.lanl.gov/WSA2004/default.htm>. For the 51st WSA conference we have an exciting program that includes ten invited lectures, seven contributed lectures, and two poster sessions. Spouses, guests, and families are also invited to attend. The conference center (<http://www.asilomarcenter.com>) is located on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula near Asilomar State Beach, with many scenic and historic sites located nearby. Guests are also invited to the social hours, meals, and banquet.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be available on-line at the conference website; **please register electronically if possible**. We highly recommend registering as soon as possible as there is limited housing at Asilomar.

Room and board at Asilomar will be \$293.34 ("Historic") or \$355.58 ("Standard") per person for single occupancy, \$197.66 ("Historic") or \$220.70 ("Standard") per person for double occupancy. Reduced rates apply for accompanying persons under 18 years of age. Housing arrangements must be made directly with Asilomar; please FAX or mail the housing registration form (posted on the website) directly to them. If you are unable to download the form from the website, you may contact Dr. David L. Osborn (WSA secretary) to obtain one by FAX. Please send a check for your conference registration (payable to the Western Spectroscopy Association with names of all registrants listed on check) to **Dr. David L. Osborn, Combustion Research Facility, Mail Stop 9055, Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, CA 94551-0969** (dlosbor@sandia.gov). **The registration deadline is November 21, 2003.** Registration cancellations will result in a full refund if received prior to November 28, 2003; after that date the refund will be less a \$45.00 fee. WSA has some funds available for graduate-student scholarships. The criteria used in awarding scholarships are: 1) a letter of recommendation from the research advisor or Department Chair; 2) a contributed poster; and 3) distance of travel. Please send an abstract (400 words or less) to Prof. Stephen Leone at srl@cchem.berkeley.edu by November 7, 2002 if you wish to apply for a scholarship; the recommendation letter must also be received by November 7, 2002. Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions by November 21, 2003.

POSTER SESSIONS

All conferees are encouraged to participate in the poster sessions on Wednesday, January 28, or Thursday, January 29, 2004. To ensure that there is sufficient display room, we ask that the poster title and names of authors be included on the registration form. Poster boards are 4' x 8' and conferees must supply pushpins. Poster sessions will take place in the "Kiln."

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

Graduate students and postdoctoral associates are encouraged to apply for a short oral presentation on their research. To apply, submit your title, author list, affiliation(s) and an abstract (400 words or less) by November 7, 2003 to Professor Stephen Leone at srl@cchem.berkeley.edu. Prof. Leone will select the speakers and notify them by November 21, 2003. Please indicate whether or not you plan to give a poster in the event you are not selected to give an oral presentation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

There will be an ecology / history walk, led by a park ranger from Asilomar State Beach of the tide pool area and the Asilomar grounds on Thursday, January 29th during the afternoon break (3:45 - 4:45 p.m.). If you would like to attend this informative walk, please check the appropriate box on the registration form, and include the number of guests (if any) who will participate. Please meet on large area of steps on the ocean side of the main Asilomar registration building at 3:45 p.m.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 28, 2004

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| 3:00-6:00 pm | Registration in Main Lodge |
| 4:00-5:00 pm | Set up for Poster Session I in Fred Farr Forum |
| 5:00-6:00 pm | Poster Session I |
| 6:00-7:00 pm | Dinner |
| 7:30-9:00 pm | Registration Continues in Chapel |
| 8:00-8:10 pm | <i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> Steve Leone (WSA Chair), University of California, Berkeley |
| 8:10-9:00 pm | Opening lecture |
| 9:00-11:00 pm | Poster Session I Continues |

Thursday, January 29, 2004

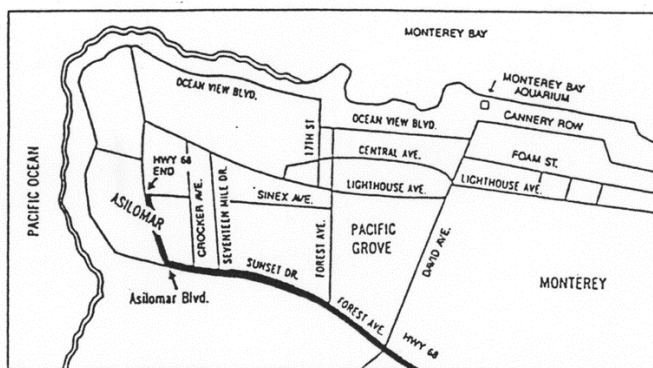
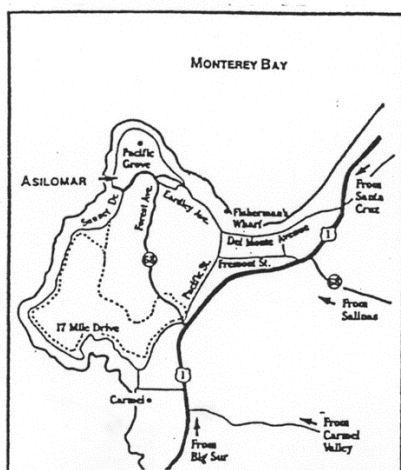
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| 7:30 am | Breakfast |
| 8:30-9:00 am | Registration continues in Chapel |
| 9:00-10:30 am | Lecture Session B |
| 10:30-10:50 am | Coffee Break |
| 10:50-12:20 am | Lecture Session C |
| 12:20-1:30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30-3:20 pm | Lecture Session D |
| 3:20-5:00 pm | Break / Set up for Poster Session II |
| 5:15-6:30 pm | Poster Session II |
| 6:30-8:00 pm | BANQUET |
| 8:00-9:00 pm | Banquet Address |
| 9:00-11:00 pm | Poster Session II Continues |

Friday, January 30, 2004

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| 7:30 am | Breakfast |
| 8:30-9:00 am | Registration continues in Fred Farr Forum |
| 9:00-10:15 am | Lecture Session E |
| 10:15-10:30 am | Coffee Break |
| 10:30-11:40 am | Lecture Session E continues |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |

TRAVEL

Monterey Airport is served by several airlines and ground transportation is available to Asilomar via taxi. Driving directions are indicated on the following maps; parking is available on the Asilomar grounds.



The Asilomar Conference Center is located on the Pacific Ocean at the end of Highway 68 in Pacific Grove, California.
When arriving from the North or South on State Route 101, turn West at Salinas onto Highway 68 and proceed to the Asilomar Gateposts at the end of the highway.
When using State Route 1, either North or Southbound, turn West onto Highway 68 in Carmel and proceed as above.

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Deadline November 21, 2003

If you cannot register on the WSA website, please use this form

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Arrival Date/Time _____ Departure Date/Time _____

(For student rates, please provide student ID number and bring ID card.):

Special Requirements: (disabled, vegetarian, etc.) _____

Banquet choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Number of guests interested in ranger-led program _____

WSA Registration Fees—please complete the form below

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| Are you a student? | Yes | → \$65 registration fee on line 1 | _____ (1) |
| | No | → \$90 registration fee on line 1 | _____ (1) |
| Will you stay at Asilomar? | Yes | ENTER \$0 ON LINES 2-4 AND PAY NO LODGING COSTS TO THE WSA. Instead, send your lodging form (<i>available at http://pearl1.lanl.gov/WSA2004/default.htm</i>) to Asilomar and pay them directly for the lodging package, which includes housing on 1/28 and 1/29, the banquet, and 5 meals. | |
| | No | Enter facility fee of \$75 (mandatory for those staying off site) | _____ (2) |
| | | If you want to attend the Thursday banquet, enter \$35 | _____ (3) |
| | | If you want to eat the 5 other meals at Asilomar, enter \$50 | _____ (4) |
| Late Fee \$45 | (include if registering after November 21, 2003) | | _____ (5) |
| Total WSA Fees (sum lines 1 - 5 here. Send a check for this amount to the WSA) | | | _____ |

Please pay in advance!

Make checks payable to Western Spectroscopy Association

Poster Session

If you would like to present a poster, please give title, authors, and affiliation:

Are you a graduate student? _____ If yes, include advisor's name _____

If you wish to add other information to your registration you may use the space below. Please list the names of your guests here and be certain to register on-site guests using the Asilomar housing form.

Mail or Fax Registration to:

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